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SUBJ: GOC REJECTS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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1. IN HARSHLY WORDED DECLARATION GOC HAS REJECTED FINDINGS SUBMITTED TO IT BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. STATEMENT RELEASED JAN 17 ARGUES THAT CONCLUSIONS OF AMNESTY TEAM WHICH VISITED CHILE IN EARLY NOVEMBER WERE "OBVIOUSLY LIMITED BY REPRESENTATIVES' LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF CHILEAN REALITY AND SPANISH LANGUAGE AS WELL AS THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO VISIT RURAL AREAS OF CITIES OTHER THAN SANTIAGO. GIVEN ABOVE IT IS INTELLECTUALLY, JURIDICALLY AND MORALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PRODUCE A REPORT WHICH CAN BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY."

2. STATEMENT ACCUSES AMNESTY REPORT OF BEING CHARACTERIZED BY INCLUSION OF UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS WHICH WERE NOT INVESTIGATED FULLY. DECLARATION ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO JOINT PARTICIPATION WITH COMMUNISTS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUPS IN ANTI-JUNTA DEMONSTRATIONS "SUCH AS ONE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN BREMEN, GERMANY."

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GOC ALSO CRITICIZES ORGANIZATION FOR LACK OF INTEREST

IN VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY ALLENDE GOVT.

3. GOC HAS NOT MADE REPORT PUBLIC AND IT CAN BE
EXPECTED THAT IT WILL NOT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPT AND AMEMBASSY LONDON ATTEMPTING TO SECURE COPY
OF REPORT FOR OUR USE WITHIN EMBASSY.

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